

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

CANEHILL, AR 72717
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
Docket No. A 2012-20
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PAT SELLERS, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the CANEHILL post office. The Final Determination was posted 9-29-2011.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

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Participant Statement

PRC Form 61

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The Canehill Post Office is strategically located on Arkansas Highway 45 with easy access for our increasingly senior population. This is especially important in winter when access to Lincoln or Prairie Grove Post Offices is limited and dangerous, where as Highway 45 is cleared of snow, being a State Highway. Even in good weather, many do not like to drive to Lincoln.

In our rural area we have had an upswing in vandalism and theft. Criminals recently even attempted to steal a local church sign. A mail box on a rural road, often far from the actual residence would be easy pickings, so most would not feel safe with this mail option. For this reason route delivery would not fulfill the objective; "to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to our rural area." USPS is, after all, a service and rural areas are unique in their requirements.

Many of us do not have or want Internet access and prefer the safety and security a Post Office Box in our community offers. Our family has a horse business and our various business transactions and paperwork still require they be sent via US Mail. Just as you would not want a car title sitting in a remote receptacle, I do want valuable horse papers and checks out there for the taking.

Surely the Postal Service can find a better way to manage their finances, like eliminating Saturday delivery? We would rather lose one day of delivery and continue to enjoy the necessary and convenient mail service the Canehill Post Office has always provided than lose our Post Office entirely.

In the initial community meeting it was stated it cost \$50,000 a year to run the Canehill Post Office, in the proposal to close it was \$36,500. Both these figures are inaccurate as we have no Post Master so there are no fringe benefits to be considered.

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